

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action mailed February 08, 2007. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

The Abstract was objected to for a minor informality which has been corrected by the foregoing amendment.

The drawings were objected to for non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. Applicant has amended the drawings to replace the arrows with lead lines; to place a bracket around the components shown in Figure 3; and the reference numerals have been clearly defined. Applicant has also amended the drawing Figures 1 and 3 to illustrate the subject matter of original claims 9 and 12. The specification and drawings has been amended at page 6 to label the "fixed support" as element 'fs'. No new matter has been entered.

Applicant has amended the specification at page 5 to capitalize the trademark "ZAMAK" and to include generic language as required by the examiner. No new matter has been entered. The Specification also has been amended to include appropriate headings.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. With respect to claim 12, the wound wire jacket is a well-known structure in the art of Bowden cables and is known to those of skill in the art. Applicant is not attempting to claim any type of method of manufacture for the jacket. Figure 1 has been amended to illustrate the jacket 18 in a wound wire form.

Applicant has cancelled claim 13. No new matter has been entered by any amendment made herein because the changes are fully supported by the original disclosure.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefinite claim language. Applicant has reviewed and amended the claims, taking into account the comments made by the patent examiner. The current claims are believed to conform with the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Michel (FR 2 730 772). Claims 2-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michel '772. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michel '772 in view of Guidicelli (FR 2 526 506). Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michel '772 in view of Richard (FR 2 763 983). These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the foregoing amendment and the following comments.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite an arrangement where welding is employed to connect the connecting element (22) and the first retaining element (20P) at locations offset laterally from an axis of side jacket (18). As discussed at page 7, line 27 through page 8, line 9 as well as page 8 line, 29 through page 9, line 3 the arrangement and location of the fusible ribs 32, 34 and fusible shoulders 36, 38 permit the use of ultrasonic welding techniques with negatively impacting the jacket 18. Indeed, the structural arrangement of the ribs 32, 34 and shoulders 36, 38 avoids deformation of the jacket (18) during a welding process.

While the examiner has made the unsupported assertion that ultrasonic welding would have been obvious to one of skill, the examiner has not identified any art that provides the structural arrangement of the present invention whereby the connecting element (22) and the first retaining element (20P) at locations offset laterally from an axis of side jacket (18).

Thus, the prior art fails to teach or render obvious the structural arrangement of amended claim 1.

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art of record and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe that additional discussion would advance prosecution, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

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